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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Memo concerning an article in Die Wirtschaft des Ostblocks

1. If possible through your personal contacts, please determine the sources of an unclassified article on East German-Communist Chinese trade published in Die Wirtschaft des Ostblocks, 9 March 1957. The article reports the total 1956 value of trade between East Germany and Communist China, a comparison with 1952, and a breakdown into commodity detail.

2. In addition, any information which can be secured on the background of Dr. Karl Prochazka, the publisher, or on the nature and backing of Die Wirtschaft des Ostblocks would be of interest to us. The offices of the weekly are at Friedrichstrasse 10, Beuel-on-the-Rhine (across the river from Bonn). Specifically, it is desired to know if the weekly is sponsored by the Amt fuer Gesamt Deutsche Fragen, any other office of the West German government, or any other government, domestic or foreign.

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